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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61703

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Appln. No.: 09/716,272

Group Art Unit: 2654 Technology Center 2600

Confirmation No.: 8430

Examiner: Daniel A. NOLAN

Filed: November 21, 2000

For: EXPONENTIAL ECHO AND NOISE REDUCTION IN SILENCE INTERVALS

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For					
All Claims	31	-	23	=	8	X	\$18.00	= \$144.00
Independent	1	-	3	=		X	\$88.00	= \$.00
TOTAL								= \$144.00

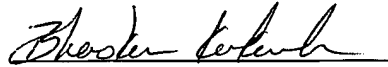
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**Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter**  
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Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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